

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-21 are pending. By this Amendment, the Abstract, the drawings, the specification, and claims 1, 4-9, and 11-21 are amended. Support for the claims can be found throughout the specification, including the original claims and the drawings. The Abstract, the drawings, the specification, and claims 1, 4-9, and 11-21 have been amended merely to correct informalities and/or improve their clarity. Withdrawal of the rejections in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

The Office Action objected to claims 7 and 9 for informalities. Each of the Examiner's comments has been addressed in amending the claims. Accordingly, the objection should be withdrawn.

The Office Action rejected claims 7 and 9-13 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite. Each of the Examiner's comments has been addressed in amending the claims. Accordingly, this rejection should be withdrawn.

The Office Action rejected claims 1-21 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Tack, U.S. Patent No. 6,485,271. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Independent claim 1 recites, *inter alia*, a supporting device including a plurality of coil springs that connects the compressor main body to the casing, wherein each of the plurality of coil springs includes tightly wound end coils fixed to one surface of the compressor main body and to one surface of the casing, respectively, and an inner coil having at least one part which is tightly wound and positioned between the end coils. Tack fails to disclose or suggest at least

such features of independent claim 1, or the claimed combination.

That is, Tack is directed to a body supporting apparatus for a hermetic compressor that includes an upper coil spring 20 and a lower coil spring 20'. The upper coil spring 20 includes an upper end, which is received into a seat spring 3' of a stator 3, and a lower end, which is received into an upper seat chamber 32 of a cylindrical guider 30 and which is seated on an upper surface of an annular support ring 33 formed in a middle portion of the cylindrical guider 30. The lower coil spring 20' includes an upper end, which is received into a lower seat chamber 32 of the cylindrical guider 30 and which is seated on a lower surface of the annular support ring 33 of the cylindrical guider 30 and a lower end, which is received into a seat spring 1b' of a lower casing 1b. See, for example, Fig. 4 and column 3, line 47-column 4, line 8 of Tack. However, Tack does not disclose or suggest at least the features of a plurality of coil springs that connects the compressor main body to the casing, wherein each of the plurality of coil springs includes tightly wound end coils fixed to one surface of the compressor main body and to one surface of the casing, respectively, and an inner coil having at least one part which is tightly wound and positioned between the end coils, as recited in independent claim 1, or the claimed combination.

Accordingly, the rejection of independent claim 1 over Tack should be withdrawn. Dependent claims 2-21 are allowable over Tack at least for the reasons discussed above with respect to independent claim 1, from which they depend, as well as for their added features.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner believes that any additional changes would place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this, concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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